

14. (Amended) An information reproducing apparatus according to Claim 8, further comprising:

a re-writing device for re-writing a content of set information stored in the memory device; and

AD a warning display device for performing a warning display if the recording method selected by the selecting device on the basis of the designation information or the set information cannot be processed by the information reproducing apparatus,

the selecting device selecting the recording method, on the basis of (i) designation information inputted by the inputting device, (ii) set information re-written by the re-writing device and (iii) initial set information stored in the memory device in an initial setting condition, in this priority order, as long as the warning display is not performed by the warning display device.

17. (Amended) An information reproducing apparatus according to Claim 16, further comprising an audio information processing device for reading out the audio information corresponding to a time duration required for switching the reproduction of the audio information when the audio information switching device switches the reproduction of the audio information,

AD (only) wherein, (i) while switching the audio information, the audio information switching device reproduces the audio information divided by the second division unit to which the previously reproduced audio information belongs and (ii) when starting the reproduction of the audio information divided by the second division unit after switching, the audio information switching device reads out the audio information at a point corresponding to the elapsed time of

the audio information divided by the second division unit, which is currently being reproduced and is identified by the same second division information as that identifies the second division unit to which the audio information before switching belongs, and actually switches the reproduction of the audio information from the point corresponding to the elapsed time.

Please add new claims 18-38 as follows:

18. (New) An information record medium comprising:

an audio information recording area on which a plurality of audio information are recorded; and

a control information recording area on which control information required to reproduce the plurality of audio information recorded on the audio information recording area is recorded,

wherein the control information recorded on the control information recording area includes: (i) a plurality of first division information for identifying first division units respectively so as to divide each of the plurality of audio information recorded on the audio information recording area by the first division units respectively; (ii) a plurality of second division information for identifying second division units respectively so as to divide each of the plurality of audio information recorded on the recording positions different from each other in the audio information recording area by the second division units as a single reproduction unit; and (iii) management information for correlating the second division information and the first division information with each other so that one first division unit is composed of a plurality of audio information divided by the second division units,

wherein the plurality of audio information divided by the second division units are same in content and different in recording method, and recorded at different recording positions in the audio information recording area.

19. (New) The information record medium according to claim 18, wherein the management information is provided for each of second division units.

20. (New) The information record medium according to claim 18, wherein the plurality of audio information divided by the second division units, which are same in content and different in recording method, have substantially same reproduction time for each of the plurality of audio information.

21. (New) The information record medium according to claim 18, wherein the management information includes information indicating recording method.

22. (New) The information record medium according to claim 18, wherein the recording method is at least one of a recording form, a reproducing form and an encoding method.

23. (New) The information record medium according to claim 18, wherein the management information includes information indicating a number of each of the first division units.

24. (New) An information reproducing apparatus for reproducing an information record medium comprising: an audio information recording area on which a plurality of audio information are recorded; and a control information recording area on which control information

required to reproduce the plurality of audio information recorded on the audio information recording area is recorded, wherein the control information recorded on the control information recording area includes: (i) a plurality of first division information for identifying first division units respectively so as to divide each of the plurality of audio information recorded on the audio information recording area by the first division units respectively; (ii) a plurality of second division information for identifying second division units respectively so as to divide each of the plurality of audio information recorded on the recording positions different from each other in the audio information recording area by the second division units as a single reproduction unit; and (iii) management information for correlating the second division information and the first division information with each other so that one first division unit is composed of a plurality of audio information divided by the second division units, wherein the plurality of audio information divided by the second division units are same in content and different in recording method, and recorded at different recording positions in the audio information recording area,

the information reproducing apparatus comprising:

a reading device for reading record information which is recorded on the information record medium;

an inputting device for inputting designation information to designate a condition to reproduce the information record medium;

a selecting device for selecting the recording method, the audio information in which is to be reproduced, on the basis of set information stored in a memory device; and

a reproducing device for reproducing the audio information in the recording method, which is selected by the selecting device from among the plurality of audio information same in content and different in recording method, on the basis of the control information.

25. (New) The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 24, further comprising:

an extracting device for extracting information indicating the recording method of each of the plurality of audio information recorded on the information record medium from the control information; and

a displaying device for displaying the extracted information.

26. (New) The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 24, wherein the inputting device is set to receive an input of the designation information regardless of an operation condition of the information reproducing apparatus, and

the selecting device or the reproducing device is set to perform, when a content of the designation information inputted by the inputting device is changed, respective processes on the basis of the changed designation information.

27. (New) The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 24, further comprising a re-writing device for re-writing a content of the set information stored in the memory device.

28. (New) The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 24, further comprising a warning display device for performing an warning display on the basis of the designation information or the set information if the recording method selected by the selecting device cannot be processed by the information reproducing apparatus.

29. (New) The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 24, wherein the selecting device is set to select the recording method, on the basis of initial set information stored in the memory device, in an initial setting condition.

30. (New) The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 24, further comprising:

a re-writing device for re-writing a content of set information stored in the memory device; and

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a warning display device for performing a warning display if the recording method selected by the selecting device on the basis of the designation information or the set information cannot be processed by the information reproducing apparatus,

the selecting device selecting the recording method, on the basis of (i) designation information inputted by the inputting device, (ii) set information re-written by the re-writing device and (iii) initial set information stored in the memory device in an initial setting condition, in this priority order, as long as the warning display is not performed by the warning display device.

31. (New) The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 24, wherein the recording method is any one of a normal recording method and a binaural recording method, and

the apparatus further comprises a detecting device for detecting an insertion condition of a headphone plug with respect to a headphone jack, and

the reproducing device reproduces the audio information which is binaural-recorded if the detecting device detects that the headphone plug is inserted in the head phone jack.

32. (New) An information record medium comprising:
- an audio zone on which audio information comprising one audio stream is recorded; and
- a video zone on which AV information comprising a plurality of audio streams is recorded and a reproduction control information recording area is formed, the reproduction control information recording area on which reproduction control information is provided for each of the audio information and AV information,
- wherein
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cont a plurality of audio streams in the AV information, each of which has a different attribute as an identical production, are recorded in the video zone, and
- the reproduction control information includes identification information for linking the plurality of audio information as the identical production with each other, and for linking the plurality of AV information as the identical production with each other.
33. (New) The information record medium according to claim 32, wherein the reproduction control information for the AV information includes information for designating a number of an audio stream to be reproduced in the AV information.
34. (New) The information record medium according to claim 32, wherein the identification information further includes attribute information indicating an attribute of any one of the audio information and the AV information.

35. (New) The information record medium according to claim 32, wherein the identification information includes a block type information indicating a type of the attribute.

36. (New) The information record medium according to claim 35, wherein the block type information indicates any one of: difference in a number of channels and difference in methods of encoding.

37. (New) The information record medium according to claim 32, wherein the identification number includes a title number of each of the audio information and AV information, the title number being identical if any one of audio information and AV information has a different attribute as an identical production.

38. (New) A reproduction apparatus for reproducing information on an information recording medium which comprises: an audio zone on which audio information comprising one audio stream is recorded; and a video zone on which AV information comprising a plurality of audio streams is recorded and a reproduction control information recording area is formed, the reproduction control information recording area on which reproduction control information is provided for each of the audio information and AV information, wherein a plurality of audio information, each of which has a different attribute as an identical production, are recorded in the audio zone, a plurality of audio streams in the AV information, each of which has a different attribute as an identical production, are recorded in the video zone, and the reproduction control information includes identification information for linking the plurality of audio information as

the identical production with each other, and for linking the plurality of AV information as the identical production with each other, the reproduction apparatus comprising:

a reading device which reads information from the information recording medium; and

a control device which controls reproduction of any one of the audio information and AV information based on the read identification information and an attribute of any one of the audio information and AV information set to be reproduced in advance.

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